

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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WITH UNAMPLIFIED DNA
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**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Dear Examiner Sisson:

This communication accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 15, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The shortened statutory period for reply expired on November 15, 2008. Accordingly, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a), for a three-month extension of time to extend the period of response to February 15, 2009. Applicants believe this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: